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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of:

Attorney Docket No.: SHO-0016

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Examiner: P. T. Nguyen

Application No.: 10/689,700

Art Unit: 2833

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Confirmation No.: 4656

For: CONNECTOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, the period for response being extended to March 7, 2005, (March 5, 2005, being a Saturday) by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-4 and 7-11 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 5 and 6 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 10 and 11 are amended. Claims 3, 4 and 7-10 are withdrawn but claims 3, 9 and 10 as now amended include the features of amended claim 1.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)